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| application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37  | d Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee);                         |                         |                                      |  |  |  |
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| (d) ⊠ No reply has been received.   |   |                         |                                      |  |  |  |
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| (b) No corrected drawings have been received.   |   |                         |                                      |  |  |  |
| 4. The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the the applicants.   | e attorney or agent of record, the ass                        | signee of the entire    | interest, or all of                  |  |  |  |
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| 7. The reason(s) below:   |   |                         |                                      |  |  |  |
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